

(b) (1) At least 150 of the 350 awards shall be granted to superior academic achievers whose secondary school transcripts [through] INDICATE AFTER THE FIRST SEMESTER OF the junior year [indicate] an overall academic grade point average of at least 3.7 on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent grade point average.

(2) At least 2 recipients who meet the qualifications specified under this section shall be selected from each county of the State.

18-1103.

The Administration shall annually select a number of alternate scholarship awards under this subtitle. In the event the annual number of awards is not made, as provided in Section 18-1101 of this subtitle, the Administration may make an award from the alternate list as necessary to assure that [300] 350 awards are made annually.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Education

SUBTITLE 14. PART-TIME GRANT PROGRAM

18-1401.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "PART-TIME STUDENT" MEANS A STUDENT ENROLLED IN A DEGREE-GRANTING PROGRAM AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION AND TAKING AT LEAST 6 BUT NO MORE THAN ~~12~~ 11 SEMESTER HOURS OF COURSES EACH SEMESTER.

(B) IN COOPERATION WITH THE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE, THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A GRANT PROGRAM FOR UNDERGRADUATE PART-TIME STUDENTS.

(C) A RECIPIENT OF A PART-TIME GRANT SHALL:

(1) BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE; AND

(2) HAVE DEMONSTRATED A DEFINITE FINANCIAL NEED ACCORDING TO CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION.

18-1402.

(A) FUNDS FOR THE PART-TIME GRANT PROGRAM SHALL BE ALLOCATED BY THE COMMISSION TO EACH INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION BASED UPON THE NUMBER OF UNDERGRADUATE PART-TIME STUDENTS WITH DEMONSTRATED FINANCIAL NEED WHO ARE ENROLLED IN DEGREE-GRANTING PROGRAMS AT THE INSTITUTION.

(B) FUNDS FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM FOR PART-TIME STUDENTS SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE COMMISSION BY THE GOVERNOR.